

was certainly important, it was unlikely to have contributed more than a minority to the years' total, we state below our reasons for believing that the discount needs to be large. First, we have definite observations of Clouded Yellows flying in from the sea or at rest on beaches, often in numbers, at two localities on 23rd and 25th July and at five others in early August, besides the influx between Studland and Swanage which is already described in the Annexe. Second, at places on or near the coast where *daily* monitoring was conducted the records show several large and short lived jumps in the numbers seen, both during this period and also in the last week of September, and on some other dates when sightings of actual arrivals are not available. Third, most of the dates of peak records of *C. crocea* from late July onwards correspond closely with those of other species which were then undoubtedly immigrant (see Annexe II). This cumulative evidence does strongly indicate that primary immigrants made a very large contribution to our records of *C. crocea* during its period of maximum abundance and probably also in late September. Whether they accounted for as much or more than half of the year's total must, however, remain uncertain.

On the Continent there are several reports of a build-up of the Clouded Yellow in Spain early in the year, and of later unusual abundance in the French Massif Central. In the Netherlands it had a very good season, with 253 widely reported (Lempke, *Ent. Ber.* 1984); and in Norway a few were seen near Oslofjord, the only previous record being of two in 1977 (GKA).

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EDITORIAL. — Mr. Paul A. Sokoloff having consented to undertake the duties of Editor, I have great pleasure in stating that he will be conducting *The Record* as from the next issue. He needs no introduction from me, for he is well known to many as one of our foremost amateur entomologists, and I wish him and the future of the magazine every success. I take this opportunity of thanking most cordially all those contributors and readers, members of the editorial board, printers and others, for their help during my editorship, and trust that they will extend the same goodwill and support to my successor. — J. M. CHALMERS-HUNT.

EARLY MIGRANTS IN SOUTH HAMPSHIRE. — Following news that Mr. Donald Russwurm had taken *Hyles lineata* Fabr. ssp. *livornica* Esp. in Brockenhurst on the night of the 3rd April 1985 I was pleased to take a male *Heliothis peltigera* D. & S. and three *Nomophila noctuella* D. & S. on the following night in my Lymington garden trap, to be followed by a male *H. l. livornica* on the night of 6th April. A *Cynthia cardui* Linn was also seen in Lymington on 6th April. There were strong Southerly winds on the 2nd April and a predominantly Southerly airstream for the next four days. — A. J. PICKLES, 2a Park Avenue, Lymington, Hampshire SO4 9GX.